

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A collapsible cover, comprising:
2 a flexible panel having a top side and a bottom side;
3 a perimeter pocket formed substantially around a perimeter of the
4 flexible panel;
5 a coilable frame member held or contained within the perimeter
6 pocket, wherein the coilable frame member is capable of being manipulated between
7 an expanded configuration and a collapsed configuration; and
8 a flexible skirt attached substantially along a perimeter of the flexible
9 panel, such that when the collapsible cover is placed over an item, the flexible skirt
10 at least partially secures the collapsible cover on the item.
- 1 2. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible panel
2 comprises woven fabrics, sheet fabrics, films, nylon, spandex, vinyl, PVC, neoprene,
3 or an equivalent.
- 1 3. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible panel
2 comprises a flexible and/or elastic material.
- 1 4. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible panel
2 comprises multiple materials.
- 1 5. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible panel
2 comprises a cushion material.
- 1 6. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 is mechanically fastened, joined, stitched, fused, or glued within the perimeter
3 pocket.
- 1 7. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises a unitary element.

- 1 8. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises at least one strip or segment of frame member material connected to form
3 a continuous loop.
- 1 9. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises spring steel.
- 1 10. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises a corrosion resistant material.
- 1 11. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises at least one of plastic, fiberglass, Polyvinyl Chloride, nylon, or its
3 equivalent.
- 1 12. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 is treated such that it is corrosion resistant.
- 3 13. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible skirt extends
4 generally toward the center of the collapsible cover.
- 1 14. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible skirt comprises
2 woven fabrics, sheet fabrics, films, nylon, spandex, vinyl, PVC, neoprene, or an
3 equivalent.
- 1 15. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible skirt comprises
2 a flexible and/or elastic material.
- 1 16. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible skirt comprises
2 multiple materials.
- 1 17. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible skirt comprises
2 a cushion material.
- 1 18. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible skirt includes
2 an elastic portion that provides tension to the flexible skirt.
- 3 19. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein flexible skirt is
4 permanently attached substantially along a perimeter of the flexible panel.

1 20. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises a continuous loop or band of material.

1 21. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises at least one strip or segment of material connected, mechanically fastened,
3 joined, stitched, fused, glued, welded, attached, or adhered to form a continuous
4 loop.

1 22. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the coilable frame member
2 comprises at least one strip or segment of material that is joined by a coilable frame
3 member joining means to form a continuous loop.

1 23. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the collapsible cover
2 includes a strap that allows the collapsible cover to be maintained in a collapsed
3 state, when it is collapsed.

1 24. The collapsible cover of claim 1, wherein the collapsible cover
2 includes a hole formed in an approximate center of the collapsible cover.

1 25. The collapsible cover of claim 24, wherein the hole is surrounded by
2 a hole reinforcement.

1 26. The collapsible cover of claim 24, wherein the collapsible cover
2 includes a protective sleeve extending from the hole.

1 27. The collapsible cover of claim 26, wherein the protective sleeve
2 extends generally downward from the hole.

1 28. The collapsible cover of claim 26, wherein the protective sleeve
2 extends generally upward from the hole.

1 29. The collapsible cover of claim 26, wherein the protective sleeve
2 includes an elastic portion that provides tension to the protective sleeve.

1 30. A collapsible cover, comprising:
2 a flexible panel having a top side and a bottom side;
3 a perimeter pocket formed substantially around a perimeter of the
4 flexible panel;

5 a coilable frame member held or contained within the perimeter
6 pocket, wherein the coilable frame member is capable of being manipulated between
7 an expanded configuration and a collapsed configuration; and
8 a flexible skirt attached along and extending from at least a portion of
9 a perimeter of the flexible panel, wherein the flexible skirt extends generally
10 downward from the collapsible cover, and wherein the flexible skirt extends
11 different lengths from the flexible panel at different points around the perimeter of
12 the flexible panel.

1 31. The collapsible cover of claim 30, further including a flexible skirt
2 flap attached along at least a portion of a perimeter of the flexible panel, wherein the
3 flexible skirt flap extends generally downward from the collapsible cover, and
4 wherein the flexible skirt flap includes at least one releasable attachment that allows
5 the flexible skirt flap to be releasably attached to the flexible skirt, such that when
6 the collapsible cover is placed over an item, the flexible skirt and the flexible skirt
7 flap may be releasably attached to at least partially secures the collapsible cover on
8 the item.